

**STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF MADISON
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**

**Notice of Proposed Local Rule Amendment on Problem Solving Courts
January 28, 2013**

In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Rules of Court, the Madison Circuit Court (Divisions 1-6) hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to amend the local rule at **LR48-CR2.2-13.5** concerning **Problem Solving Courts**. Supreme Court approval is not required for this amendment to the local rule. All new text is shown by underlining.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment will begin on **January 29, 2013**, and will close on **February 28, 2013**.

The **effective date** of the new rule will be **March 1, 2013**.

Persons with Internet access may view the proposed new local rule at the following website:
<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/madison/>

Notice has been given to the public on the website of the Madison County Clerk and on the Indiana Judicial Website, and by furnishing a copy to the officers of the Madison County Bar Association. Comments may be made to: Circuit Court Administration, 16 E. 9th Street, Suite 417, Anderson, IN 46016 and by email to: jhunter@madisoncounty.in.gov.

Angela Warner Sims, Judge
Circuit Court – Division 1

David A Happe, Judge
Circuit Court – Division 4

G. George Pancol, Judge
Circuit Court – Division 2

Thomas Clem, Judge
Circuit Court – Division 5

Thomas Newman, Jr., Judge
Circuit Court – Division 3

Dennis D. Carroll, Judge
Circuit Court, Division 6

LR48-CR2.2-13.5 PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

Effective January 1, 2012, the Madison Circuit Court shall establish and administer a single Problem Solving Court with a single presiding judge. The single Problem Solving Court replaces the current Mental Health Court, Drug Court, and Re-Entry Court and shall continue to operate under guidelines and certifications of the Indiana Supreme Court through the agency of the Indiana Judicial Center. Policies, Procedures and Personnel for the Problem Solving Court shall be subject to supervision by the presiding judge of the Problem Solving Court, subject to advice and approval by a majority of the Circuit Court judges.

The presiding judge appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years and rotate among the judges with criminal court jurisdiction. The first presiding judge shall be the judge shall be the judge of Circuit Court, Division 4. Thereafter, the appointments shall continue on the following schedule: Circuit Court, Division 1; Circuit Court, Division 5; Circuit Court, Division 6; and Circuit Court, Division 3. Should any judge decline an appointment, the next judge on the schedule shall be appointed to serve. If a presiding judge resigns or is unable to continue for any reason, a majority of the Circuit Court judges will select one of their colleagues to fill the unexpired term.

The Circuit Court may also establish and administer additional Problem Solving Courts, such as Family Court and Teen Court, as the need arises. The presiding Juvenile Judge shall establish rules for the operation of said courts and shall be the presiding Judge subject to the approval of the majority of the Judges.

The following fees are assessed to participants of Problem Solving Courts:

Drug Court: Monthly Court User Fee of \$40.00

Mental Health Court: Monthly Court User Fee of \$40.00

Re-entry Court: Monthly Court User Fee of \$40.00

Court User Fees are due the 10th of each new month.

Drug Court participants who are in Phase 4 do not accrue a Court User Fee.